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# WEEKLY MESSENGER

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Dear People of God,

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, the apostle Paul uses the analogy of the Church as a "body" where each member is integrally important to the life and health of the organism. He speaks of the vital importance of each part and speaks about the *functional* importance of each person in being the hand, the hearing, the speaking, even the smelling! How this body works, functions, proclaims, serves and loves - all speak to how well we are living out that call to be a healthy "body" of Christ in the world today. It is often said that the hands that Christ uses today are our hands, the feet that he uses are our feet, and the heart of compassion through which he loves is our heart.

In many ways the Vestry serves as the brain of the body- coordinating functions of the body, discerning direction and doing the business of the Church. At our July Vestry meeting (7/21) we elected a new member who will step into the role of Vestryperson and liaison for Christian Education and formation. I am happy to report that **Lizzie Burn** has graciously agreed to serve until the next annual meeting (which is in accordance with our by-laws.) We are happy to welcome Lizzie into her new role as Vestryperson and look forward to the skills and experience that she will bring to her new ministry. Please join the Wardens, Vestry and myself as we thank, encourage, support and pray for our newest Vestryperson and graft her into her new role in this body!

Faithfully,



Fr. Scott+

### A GENTLE REMINDER

Church salaries, utilities and expenses continue year round. Your regular, faithful financial support assists keeping the Church in a healthy fiscal position even during the slower months of summer when vacations and activities abound. When you are going to be away, if possible, please send in your pledge, tithe or offering in advance. Many thanks - STH+

### REFRESHMENTS ON THE RECTORY LAWN

Now that you have heard about the new rectory- come and see it! Coffee Hour Gathering at the Rectory for the next 3 Sundays: **July 26, August 2 and August 9** we will be hosting coffee hour after the 9:30am service in the Rectory! Take a short walk across the street and come and join us for coffee, punch and light refreshments (and take a quick tour!)

## CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR JOHN PIVARNIK

This summer I am participating in a two-week Choral Symposium at Camp Ogontz in Littleton, New Hampshire. The symposium is sponsored by the Chorus of Westerly, Rhode Island under the direction of George Kent. Sir David Willcocks, Music Director Emeritus of King's College Choir Cambridge, and Richard Marlowe are the music directors. From July 18 to July 25 we studied Rheinberger's *Mass in E-flat*, Bach's *Jesu, meine Freude*, and *Five Spirituals* by Michael Tippett. From July 25 to Saturday, August 1 we are studying *Mass of the Children* (Rutter), *Four Sacred Pieces* (Verdi), *Toward the Unknown Region* (Vaughan Williams), *Dixit Dominus* (Handel), *Mass in c minor* (Mozart) and Oxford University Press's *Tudor Anthems*. I also look forward to hiking, swimming, and biking. I plan to climb Mt. Lafayette on the Presidential Range in Franconia Notch one day and Mt. Washington the next day. Looking forward to some 'mountaintop experience!' The camp is a cooperative effort . . . my chore for the two weeks will be on the recycling team. Imagine recycling for approximately 180 people!

### UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Millburn will be hosting homeless families in late August through this ecumenical ministry, and Christ Church parishioners are invited to help. This outreach project involves 50 or more volunteers—some stay overnight with guest families, others prepare and serve meals, move cots and belongings, do laundry, play with children, make monetary and food contributions, or just take a few minutes to be a friend to another or to offer a listening ear.



To find out more, come to an informational presentation with St. Stephen's program coordinator, Alex Cole, next **Sunday, August 2 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Stephen's, 119 Main Street in Millburn.** You can also learn more about IHN at their website [www.ihnessexnj.org](http://www.ihnessexnj.org)

### BREAD PICKUP AND DELIVERY

#### URGENT REQUEST!!!

*Task:* First Tuesday of the Month, pick up excess bread and pastries from Panera Bread (opposite Shop Rite on Rt. 124 after store closes at 9:00 p.m.)

*Time Required:* 30 to 45 minutes

*Delivery:* Wednesday morning to Valley Settlement House in West Orange

*Time Required:* approx. 1 hour

To help (even if only once or twice a year) please call Sarah Snow at 973-467-9415. **THANK YOU!**



### REQUEST A HYMN THIS SUMMER

Do you have a favorite hymn? Fill out a hymn request card and we'll sing as many as we can over the summer. A copy of each of the supplemental hymnals--*Lift Every Voice and Sing*; *Wonder, Love and Praise*; and *Voices Found*—is available outside of Parish Hall if you'd like to choose something from one of them.

### YOUTH: SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, SERVICE, AND FUN!

If you're in town, we would love to see you on Sunday mornings! Share your musical talents by playing an instrument or singing, or keep your acolyting skills current by serving as a Crucifer. Help with our Haven of Hope Barbecue on Saturday, July 25; join in a food pick-up for our Interfaith Food Pantry, turn out for a tailgate at 6 p.m. on July 22 or August 26 or trip to Mountain Creek Water Park on August 12. Email [lisa.green@cshmail.org](mailto:lisa.green@cshmail.org) or call 973-379-2898 for more information.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER: WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

"Faithful to my Lord's commands,  
I still would choose the better part,  
Serve with careful Martha's hands,  
And loving Mary's heart."

-Charles Wesley



Our summer evening series concludes this Wednesday, **July 29**, the feast day of Mary and Martha of Bethany, sisters of Lazarus, friends of Jesus. In the spirit of their hospitality, our evening of Bible study, prayer, and song will begin with a potluck supper and will be held at the home of Kathleen and Richard Estes, 7 Park Circle in Short Hills. Bring a salad or dessert - no alcohol please.

**Special start time: 7:00 p.m.**

## DIGGING DEEP IN JOY - A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

Bring your Bible and a friend and come enjoy the feast of God's word. We will be using Warren W. Wiersbe's Bible Study Series based on the Epistle to the Philippians. If you are planning on coming to the study, please stop by and pick up a book from the Rector's office, read pages 1-27, come prepared for the first gathering - in the Garth (weather permitting!)

**August and September Wednesday Nights  
at 7:30 p.m.**

Class sessions will include:

- 8/5 - Joy in Chains 1:1-26
- 8/12 - The Battlefield 1:27-30
- 8/19 - Like Minded 2:1-11
- 8/26 - Christian Living 2:12-30
- 9/2 - New Values 3:1-11
- 9/9 - The Race set before us 3:12-16
- 9/16 - The Not yet 3:17-21
- 9/23 - Contentment 4:1-23

# EfM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The answer is "EfM." So what's the question? I'm glad you asked. Here's the question: "How can I find a more participatory way to deepen my experience and understanding of my faith, my religion and my church." EfM (Education for Ministry) was designed by Sewanee School of Theology of the University of the South for precisely that purpose. If Sunday services are the lecture series, EfM is the seminar. Through the give and take of mentored conversation, we work together to deepen our knowledge and faith as lay people in order to be more active in the ministries of our lives.

Our four years begin with the Hebrew Bible, followed by the New Testament, and conclude with church history and theology. While these are our subjects, the real object is to ground our own life experiences as deeply as possible in our religious tradition and our experiences of the holy. Some of our graduates have found the experience so enriching they sign up for additional years.

Our evening EfM group, mentored by Sandra Johnson, will meet Thursdays from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Contact her at [sandy73j@gmail.com](mailto:sandy73j@gmail.com) or 973-379-7334, or visit the EfM website [www.sewanee.edu/EfM/index.htm](http://www.sewanee.edu/EfM/index.htm).

## "FEED-FORWARDS" CONTINUE

Share your ideas and reflections at one of these evening conversations and make a difference as we plan new ministries. All are invited; dessert and coffee will be served!

**Monday, July 27:** Christ Church Nursery School—reaching out to parents and children; what can we do better?

**Monday, August 3:** Reaching out to our community

**Tuesday, August 4:** A new look at men's and women's ministry

**ANNIVERSARIES**

07/23 Karen + Craig Larson  
 07/23 Wendy + David Berg  
 07/23 Mary + Brandon Macy  
 07/24 Sallie + Andrew Bunn  
 07/24 Terry + Heather Finan  
 07/27 Coleen + Rob Malin  
 08/02 Naila Gary Busacca  
 08/02 Abby + John Boozan  
 08/03 Liz + Jon Clark  
 08/09 Ray + Susan Henry  
 08/09 Glori + David Graziano

**BIRTHDAYS**

07/23 Keith Vennard  
 07/23 Kimberly Vapenik  
 07/23 Daniel Trinchillo  
 07/24 Joseph Ort  
 07/24 Rex Riley  
 07/24 John Santiuste  
 07/25 Mary Ellen Roberts  
 07/25 Audena Syracuse  
 07/25 Raymond Henry  
 07/26 Kenneth Kirsten  
 07/26 Samuel Peinado  
 07/26 Ryland McDonald  
 07/27 Craig Larson  
 07/27 Jackson Hoit  
 07/27 Elizabeth Peinado  
 07/28 Diane Tso  
 07/29 Darren Spinelli  
 07/30 Eliza Hill  
 07/31 Melissa Roberts  
 07/31 Linda Carchia  
 07/31 Alexander McWilliams  
 08/01 Rupert Zimmerer  
 08/01 Bracken Birch  
 08/02 Shea Smith  
 08/03 Adaeze Nwachuku

Registration has begun for  
**VACATION BIBLE  
 SCHOOL 2009**  
 at  
 Community Congregational  
 Church and you are  
 invited to participate!



Invite friends, neighbors and grandchildren to a week that will teach them about God and faith in language they can understand! Vacation Bible School activities, including crafts, games, music, science and drama classes, help children explore a classic Bible story each day, while learning a practical lesson that relates to their experience as Pre-K and elementary school children. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, Aug. 31 through Friday, Sept. 4 from 9am to 2pm for children age 3 years through 5 grade. Cost for the whole week or any part of it is \$100 per child. To register your children, please visit [www.CommunityChurch.org](http://www.CommunityChurch.org) and click on the "Vacation Bible School" button. Please contact Rev. Jennifer Hrynyk with any questions at (973) 379-5600, x13 or [Jennifer@CommunityChurch.org](mailto:Jennifer@CommunityChurch.org).

**MEMORIAL  
 FLOWERS**

**July 26**  
 Robert F. LeMoine

**August 2**  
 Helene P. Lanston

**August 9**  
 E. Garfield Gifford  
 Clarke Greene

**August 16**  
 Leola and Amos  
 Hostetter

**LAST WEEK**

Attendance  
 8:00 a.m. - 15  
 9:30 a.m. - 50

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>26</b> 8:00am - Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Nursery Care 9:30am - Morning Prayer + Holy Eucharist 10:45am - Refreshments on the Rectory Lawn	<b>27</b> 6:00am - Men's Group 9:00am - Staff meeting 7:00pm - Worship Committee 8:00pm - Feed Forward: CCNS	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00pm - Women of the New Testament : Mary and Martha of Bethany - Potluck at the Estes' home 7 Park Circle, SH	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 8:30am - Careers in Transition
<b>2</b> 8:00am - Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Nursery Care 9:30am - Holy Eucharist 10:45am - Refreshments on the Rectory Lawn 11:30am - Interfaith Hospitality Network Intro, St. Stephen's, 119 Main Street, Millburn	<b>3</b> 6:00am - Men's Group 9:00am - Staff meeting 8:00pm - Feed Forward: Reaching out to our community	<b>4</b> 8:00pm - Feed Forward: Women's + Men's Ministry	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>